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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CLARIFICATION OF JUNE 18 CABINET
STATEMENT

REF: TEL AVIV 7726, TEL AVIV 7729

1. DINITZ CALLED ON SAUNDERS JUNE 19 AT DINITZ, REQUEST
SAYING THAT DAYAN HAD ASKED HIM TO "CLARIFY" CABINET
STATEMENTS TO SAUNDERS AS DAYAN HAD DONE FOR LEWIS. DINITZ
SAID DAYAN HAD ASKED HIM TO CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. ALTHOUGH CABINET STATEMENT DOES NOT MENTION RESOLUTION
242, ISRAEL'S POSITION CONTINUES TO BE THAT 242 SHOULD

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SERVE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, IN-
CLUDING JORDAN. DINITZ REITERATED ISRAEL'S VIEW THAT
BEGIN'S PLAN IS IN CONFORMITY WITH 242 AND STRESSED THAT
DESPITE ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO 242, CABINET STATEMENT
WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DRAFTED WITH INTENTION OF PUTTING 242
TO ONE SIDE.

3. DINITZ SOUGHT TO CLARIFY CABINET STATEMENTS' REFERENCE TO "PARTIES", ADDING ONE NEW ELEMENT TO DAYAN'S ELABORATION (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO DINITZ, FIRST USE OF WORD "PARTIES" (IN PARA 2 OF STATEMENT) REFERS TO ISRAEL, JORDAN AND PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES. SECOND APPEARANCE OF WORD "PARTIES" (ALSO IN PARA 2 OF STATEMENT) REFERS TO ISRAEL, EGYPT, JORDAN AND PALESTINIANS, AS DOES FINAL MENTION OF "PARTIES IN PARA 3 OF STATEMENT. THIS WOULD GIVE EGYPT "PIVOTAL" ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS BUT WOULD NOT MAKE EGYPT ONE OF PARTIES TO FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED TO JORDAN, ISRAEL AND "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS."

4. ACCORDING TO DINITZ, RESPONSE USES WORDING "THE NATURE OF THE FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES", RATHER THAN "THE STATUS OF THE TERRITORIES", IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. LATTER PHRASE, HAD IT BEEN USED, WOULD HAVE REQUIRED ISRAELIS, DINITZ SAID, TO PUT IN SPECIFIC LANGUAGE RULING OUT PALESTINIAN STATE. ALL THIS, ACCORDING TO DINITZ, IS FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S LEAD IN CONSIDERING THREE OPTIONS: AUTONOMY, LINK TO JORDAN, OR LINK TO ISRAEL. DINITZ RAISED POSSIBILITY OF FOURTH--SOME KIND OF CONDOMINIUM OR OTHER JOINT JORDAN-ISRAEL ARRANGEMENT FOR WEST BANK AND GAZA.

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5. DINITZ INDICATED THAT DAYAN ALSO INTERESTED IN WHERE WE GO FROM HERE; WHAT MECHANISM FOR CONSULTATIONS DID U.S. HAVE IN MIND? SAUNDERS POINTED OUT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION RIGHT NOW, BUT HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING FOR THEM WITHIN NEXT DAY OR SO, DURING WHICH TIME THE SECRETARY WILL BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE. SAUNDERS ALSO NOTED THAT EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSALS, WHEN ISSUED, WOULD BE ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. VANCE

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